

REMARKS

Careful consideration has been given by the applicants to the Examiner's comments and rejection of the application as set forth in the outstanding Office Action, and favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application, as amended, is earnestly solicited.

Applicants note the Examiner's comments pertaining to Darbee, et al. reference as set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Office Action, and also the objections to claim 8 due to various informalities as detailed herein.

Accordingly, applicants have amended the claims by revising the terminology in claim 8 as suggested by the Examiner, while concurrently incorporating the limitations of claims 3 and 4 into claim 1, and the limitations of claims 9 and 12 into claim 8, respectively.

The foregoing, should clearly obviate any formal objections and grounds of rejection on formal grounds with respect to the terminology in the claims, while concurrently distinguishing over the art as represented by Darbee et al or Donnelly as detailed in paragraph 7 of the Office Action.

In particular, applicants note that the art has not been applied to claim 8 in that respect.

However, the limitations implemented by the applicants to the claims should clearly and unambiguously distinguish over the art with regard to the rejection over Darbee et al, and also Donnelly, applicants note that the amended claims clearly and patentably distinguish thereover irrespective as to whether the art is considered singly or in combination.

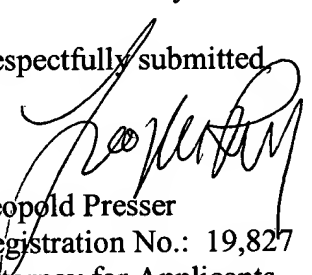
In particular, applicants note that Darbee et al, as previously submitted, pertains to a remote controller and fails to provide an electronic program guide in a manner

analogous to that set forth in the amended claims 1 and 8. To the contrary, the present invention is directed to receive the EPG data from a receiving unit and then utilizes the data in order to display the selected programs at a broadcast receiver. The construction and concept of Darbee et al is primarily a currently employed standard remote control display.

The particular limitations and structure incorporated into claims 1 and 8, respectively, clearly set forth further operative devices which are not at all disposed or contemplated in Darbee et al nor in Donnelly, the later of which also fails to provide the type of construction and functioning of an apparatus analogous to that submitted by the applicants and as claimed herein.

In view of the amendments implemented to the claims which further distinguish over the art, applicants respectfully submit that the application is deemed to be clearly in condition for allowance, and the early and favorable consideration by the Examiner is earnestly solicited. However, in the event that the Examiner has any queries concerning the instantly submitted amendment, applicants' attorney respectfully requests that he be accorded the courtesy of possibly a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention.

Respectfully submitted,



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